





## There is an art and science to economic development.

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#### What's Possible

## Legal Requirments

**Economic Viability** 

OR

Competitive Advantage



Equal or Greater Benefit Test





## Economic Viability



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## What is the Specific Financial Need







Digging into the project and understanding the specific financial requirements and needs is critical.

# Is a hammer good or bad?





#### Toolbox

Most Popular/Non-Exhaustive List of Tools



#### Local

- 1. PILOTs
- 2. Economic Development District
- 3. Community Development District
- 4. Bond Financing
- 5. Performance Based Grant
- 6. Revolving Loan Fund
- 7. Community Development Block Grant Programs

#### State

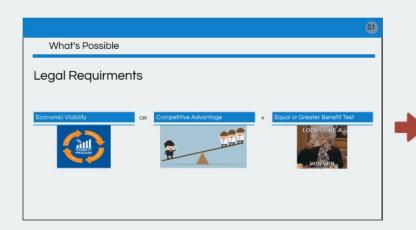
- 1. Quality Jobs
- 2. Fast Start
- 3. ITEP
- 4. Enterprise Zone
- 5. Tax Credits
- 6. Data Center Sales Tax Exemption
- 7. Louisiana Innovation Retention Program
- 8. Restoration Tax Abatement
- 9. Project Specific Legislative Incentives
- 10. Performance Based Grants

#### **Federal**

- 1. Tax Credits
- 2. USDA Loans and Guarantees
- 3. SBA Loans
- 4. HUD Funding Programs
- 5. Tax-Exempt Bonds
- 6. Various Other Federal Department Funding Programs

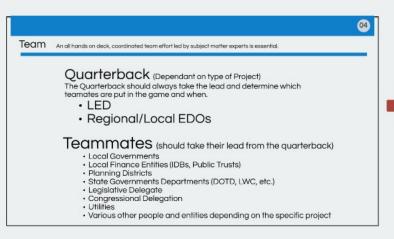
# PILOT (Payment in-lieu-of Tax)

- Most commonly issued through an industrial development board or public trust
- Used to provide a tax abatement customized to the specific project
- The percentage of the taxes abated and the length of the abatement are flexible and subject to negotiation
- PILOTs should be highly tailored to meet the needs of the project AND the community; Avoid a cookie-cutter approach
- Includes customized incentives to the project, while providing specific deliverables and protections to the community
- Are often combined with other incentives







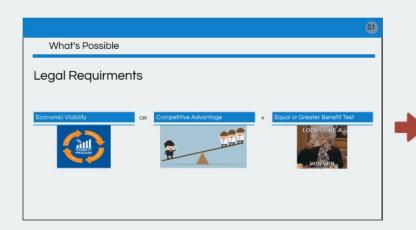






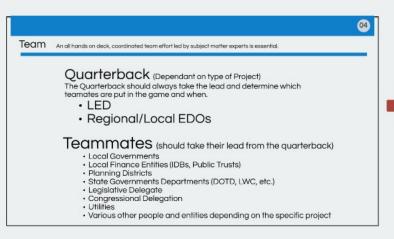
# Economic Development Districts

- -Cities and Parishes can establish one or more economic development districts (each an "EDD") encompassing one or more of the planned developments.
- Up to four sources of revenue are created within an EDD.
  - 1. The Tax Increment- the amount of revenue generated from the city's non-dedicated sales and use taxes above the "Baseline." The Baseline is the amount of revenue generated during the year prior to the creation of the EDD.
  - 2. EDD Sales Tax- the EDD can levy an additional sales tax at a rate up to 2%.
  - 3. EDD Hotel Occupancy Tax- the EDD can levy an additional hotel occupancy tax at a rate up to 2%.
  - 4. With state approval, a portion of the revenue generated from the state's sales and use taxes above the "Baseline."
- Can be used to help incentivize a specific project/development or used as a tool to plan and encourage specific types of development in designated areas.
- -The State legislature can also create a special purpose economic development district







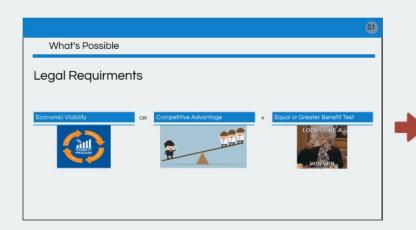






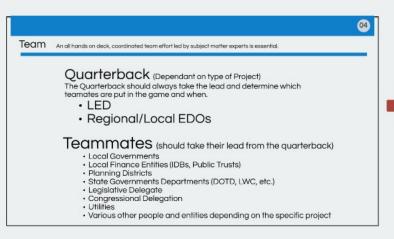
#### Performance Based Grants

- -Used by governmental and quasi-governmental economic development entities, as well as state and local governments to provide cash based incentives.
- -Payments are contingent on the project meeting and maintaining specific performance targets.
- -Payments are only made after initial targets are met.
- Provided through a cooperative endeavor agreement (CEA).













#### Team

An all hands on deck, coordinated team effort led by subject matter experts is essential.

## Quarterback (Dependant on type of Project)

The Quarterback should always take the lead and determine which teamates are put in the game and when.

- LED
- Regional/Local EDOs

## Teammates (should take their lead from the quarterback)

- Local Governments
- Local Finance Entities (IDBs, Public Trusts)
- Planning Districts
- State Governments Departments (DOTD, LWC, etc.)
- Legislative Delegate
- Congressional Delegation
- Utilities
- Various other people and entities depending on the specific project

